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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: K. YASUDA et al  
Serial No. 09/666,883  
Filed: September 9, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1655  
Examiner: B. Forman  
For: POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD  
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents  
Box: Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/666,883, filed on September 20, 2000, entitled POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

3. A check including the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
4. Cancel claims 2-29 before calculating the Filing Fee.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/666,883, filed September 20, 2000, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/522,465, filed on March 9, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,218,126), which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/329,318, filed June 10, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,093,370). This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 09/790,872, filed on February 23, 2001.--

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-five (25) sheets, Figs. 1-32D.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

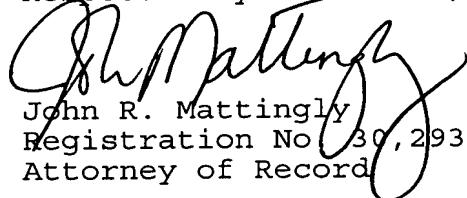
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-163213, filed June 11, 1998;  
No. 10-330536, filed November 20, 1998;  
No. 10-364059, filed December 22, 1998; and  
No. 11-018004, filed January 27, 1999.

The certified priority documents have been filed in the parent application Ser. No. 09/329,318.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/666,883, as originally filed on September 20, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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